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TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT - FIRST NIGHT IN U.S.

1. AS PROMISED, FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS MAY WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN SELECTING A SITE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT TO SPEND THE FIRST NIGHT IN U.S. AS STATED BEFORE, WE WILL BE ENTIRELY GUIDED BY SADAT'S WISHES.

2. CAMP DAVID - IF CAMP DAVID SELECTED IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND RETREAT IN THE WASHINGTON AREA AND WOULD PROVIDE A COMPLETELY PRIVATE AND FULLY RESTFUL SITE. ARRIVAL WOULD BE AT ANDREWS AFB WITH A 30 MIN. HELICOPTER RIDE TO CAMP DAVID. TRAVEL TIME BY HELICOPTER FROM CAMP DAVID TO VICINITY WHITE HOUSE IS ALSO 30 MIN. THIS SITE OFFERS VERY ATTRACTIVE ACCOMMODATIONS IN A RUSTIC SETTING ISOLATED FROM THE PUBLIC. SINCE IT IS IN THE CATOCTIN MOUNTAINS, IT COULD BE CHILLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. EARLY MORNING FOG MIGHT ALSO INTERFERE WITH DEPART-
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URE BY HELICOPTER FOR WASHINGTON, IN WHICH CASE TRIP WOULD

BE MADE BY 90 MINUTE AUTO DRIVE.

3. WILLIAMSBURG - ARRIVAL WOULD BE MADE MOST CONVENIENTLY AT PATRICK HENRY AFB WHICH IS A 15 MIN. AUTO RIDE FROM

WILLIAMSBURG. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON THE NEXT MORNING WOULD INVOLVE 55 MIN. HELICOPTER TRIP DIRECTLY TO IMMEDIATE VICINITY WHITE HOUSE, OR FIXED-WING PLANE FLIGHT TO ANDREWS AFB IF INCLEMENT WEATHER PRECLUDED USE OF HELICOPTERS. IF ARRIVAL WILLIAMSBURG WERE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY AFTERNOON, SADAT AND PARTY WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WILLIAMSBURG'S BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL SETTING AND TO SAMPLE ITS 18TH CENTURY ATMOSPHERE. THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOOD PRESS AND PHOTO COVERAGE DURING VISIT. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR THERE WOULD BE MANY VISITORS FROM ALL OVER U.S. WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PUBLIC IMPACT FOR SADAT VISIT. DINNER IN THE EVENING COULD BE EITHER INFORMAL AND HOSTED BY MR. CARL HUMELSINE, DIRECTOR OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION, AND MRS. HUMELSINE, IN A PLANTATION MANSION OPERATED BY THE FOUNDATION, OR AN ENTIRELY PRIVATE ONE INVOLVING ONLY THE SADAT PARTY.

4. IN EITHER CASE, MOST MEMBERS OF UNOFFICIAL PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE LODGED IN WASHINGTON AREA HOTELS BECAUSE OF LIMITED ACCOMMODATIONS AT THESE TWO SITES. LODGING WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WILLIAMSBURG FOR 23-25 PERSONS WHILE CAMP DAVID COULD HOLD UP TO 18.

5. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THESE FACTORS WITH HASSAN KAMEL ON HIS ARRIVAL, BUT SUGGEST YOU PASS THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO FAHMY AND HIM TO HELP THEM MAKE THEIR DECISION. KISSINGER

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